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SUBJECT: Philip SOLLINGER and His Experiences with the NKVD;
Abwehr Officer KLAUS, and Franciszek MARYNOWSKI

1. Our conscious informant Dr. Georg KOSSENKO is an UNRRA employee at the DP Camp at Schleissheim (10 kilometres north of Munich), UNRRA Team 651. He is judged by RADISH to be of "honest, positive, anti-Communist character."

2. Dr. KOSSENKO was visited by an "old" Russian emigrant now using the alias "Philip SOLLINGER," who told him the following story:

3. "On 25 July 1945, I was in Kaiserskirchen, in the vicinity of Naumburg/Saale, visiting a former German Abwehr officer. He and I were arrested by the NKVD and brought to the NKVD prison at Leipzig, in Moltkestrasse.

4. "After arriving at the prison, I was interrogated from 1000 to 1500 and from 1600 to 2100 hours, by an NKVD Major GOL-
OVNIKOV; the interrogation lasted nine days, ending on 9 August 1945. I remained in jail, however, for another three months in solitary confinement, and in the regular jail another two months. In January 1946, I was brought before NKVD Captain VOLKOV, who informed me that I should have for a companion in my cell a certain man who was at one time an assistant to von PAPEN in Turkey, and that the objective of von PAPEN and his assistant was to talk Turkey into declaring war on the USSR. I was expected to find out the details of that work. From conversation with my new cell-mate, I determined the following:

a. That the man's name was KLAUS, and that he was a law-
yer by profession, living at Ritzschelstrasse, Leipzig.

b. That since 1935 KLAUS had been in the employ of the Abwehr and had been active in Turkey and the Balkans with Schenker and Company. In 1939 he was transferred to Latvia. When the Russo-German war broke out in 1941, KLAUS received a lieutenant's commission and continued his work in the Abwehr. In 1944 he was with an Abwehr Kommando at Stettin.

c. That KLAUS was taken PW by the Americans, transferred to the American Intelligence Service prison at Wiesbaden. In Wiesbaden, the American interrogator asked KLAUS details on his knowledge of NKVD and finally proposed that KLAUS work for the A American against the NKVD.

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suit of clothes, 1000 RM, tobacco, etc. He told me to take a 6-day furlough to get into shape.

7. "A week later (6 June 1946), I reported to Major BABANIN in a private villa. He read me my instructions:

Read and approved: Chief of the ~~Administrative~~ Sector, Leipzig, General KLEPOV Main

Approved: Chief of the Operative Sector, Leipzig, Col. KOLESNIKOV *ed*

Approved: Major BABANIN

a. To visit the cities of Celle, Munich, Hamburg, Kassel, Cologne, and Bielefeld

b. To determine the existence of Foreign Legions and Germans Legions: their strength, armament, leadership

c. To learn the disposition of members of SA, SS, and SA in the American Zone

d. To find proof on methods of recruiting of the Foreign Legion.

This was to be accomplished within 25 days.

8. "Upon my inquiring what sort of papers I was supposed to use for my journey, Major BABANIN told me that I was supposed to go 'black.' He explained that almost all the ~~xxxx~~ Americans apprehended by the Russian police were apprehended because of improperly falsified papers. 'Our people,' he stated, 'have never fallen!' Upon my return I was instructed to give to the NKVD border officer at the crossing into the Soviet Zone Major BABANIN's number (60-149)."

9. "I was then taken to the border during the night of 12/13 June 1946 at about one o'clock, some 2 kilometres from Ludwigsdorf. At 4 o'clock 13 June 1946, I bought a ticket to Nürnberg. At Nürnberg, I was required to have a travel permit (Reisebewilligung) before I could purchase a ticket for Munich. I went to the German police station (Polizeirevier) in Nürnberg and told the police that all my papers had been stolen from me on my trip from Bamberg to Nürnberg. The police supplied me with all the needed papers without any questions.

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